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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, Applicants submit a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, including two (2) pages of Form PTO-1449, and a copy of one (1) non patent document cited therein. Please note that the non patent reference is not prior art to this application.

Pursuant to the waiver in the notice entitled "Information Disclosure Statements May Be Filed Without Copies of U.S. Patents and Published Applications in Patent Applications Filed After June 30, 2003" published on August 5, 2003 in 1273 OG 55, a copy of the cited U.S. Patent is not enclosed. However, a copy will be provided upon request.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d) after a final Office Action on the merits. The Commissioner is authorized to charge \$180.00, the fee set forth under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p), to Account No. 50-3129. It is believed that no additional fee is required with this submission. However, should an additional fee be

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Certification Under 37 C.F.R. §1.97 (e)(2)

Each item of information listed below this certification in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was not cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, each item listed below was not known to any individual designated in § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

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Remarks

This statement should not be interpreted as a representation that an exhaustive search has been conducted or that no better art exists. Moreover, Applicants invite the Examiner to make an independent evaluation of the cited art to determine its relevance to the subject matter of the present application. Applicants are of the opinion that their claims patentably distinguish over the art referred to herein, either alone or in combination.

Respectfully submitted,

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